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SUBJECT: ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE CONTRACTS FOR TWELVE
NEW NUCLEAR PLANTS

REF: ENCLOSURE 4 TO PARIS A-63

1. ELECTRICITE DE FRANCE (EDF) ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 1
THAT IT HAD CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITH FRAMATOMECREUSOT-LOIRE GROUP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWELVE NEW
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, AND OPTION ON FOUR ADDITIONAL
ONES. FRAMATOME, OF WHICH WESTINGHOUSE AN IMPORTANT
SHAREHOLDER, USES THAT AMERICAN COMPANY'S PRESSURIZED WATER
REACTOR TECHNOLOGY. ESTIMATED COST OF SITEENPLANT PACKAGE FF 20,000 MILLION (ABOUT DOLS3,370 MILLION).
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CONTRACT TO START THIS YEAR, AND FIRST PLANTS
EXPECTED TO GO ON STREAN IN 1979, TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS
AT ACCELERATED RATE.

2. THIS CONTRACT EXPECTED TO STRAIN GREATLY FRAMATOME-CREUSOT-LOIRE PRODUCTION CAPACITY, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EXPANDED.
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- 3. AGREEMENT RESULTS FROM GOF DECISION TO ACCELERATE CONSTRUCTION RATE OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS TO DECREASE USE OF EXPENSIVE FOSSIL FUEL, AND REDUCE OVER TIME ROLE OF POWER PLANTS USING FOSSIL FUEL IN ELECTRICITY RPODUCTION IN FRANCE.
- 4. ABOVE DEVELOPMENT AND GOF POLICY OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPORTS BY AMERICAN COMPANIES IN SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. AS INDICATED IN REFAIR.
- 5. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
- 6. ACTION REQUESTED. IN MEANTIME, WE SUGGEST COMMERCE DISCUSS ABOVE WITH WESTINGHOUSE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE TO SECURE MORE INFORMATION (FROM HIS COMPANY'S PITTSBURGH HOME OFFICE, IF NECESSARY) ON THIS PROJECT IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES THAT MAY BE SUPPLIED BY U.S. COMPANIES, THEN INFORM LATTER.STONE

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